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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: RH PFOR
SUBJ: RHODESIAN RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE

REF: STATE 124623

1. THIS BEING NATIONAL HOLIDAY, I HAD DIFFICULTY CATCHING UP WITH RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS BUT FINALLY MANAGED TO DO SO AT 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME. AS I MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL, HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE AND PROMISED TO RELAY MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO SMITH. HE MADE TWO OBSERVATIONS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE REGRETTED THAT THESE RAIDS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT KNOWING WHAT THEY DO TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. ANTICIPATING WHAT THE REPLY FROM SALISBURY WILL BE, HAWKINS SAID SMITH WILL SAY: (A) RHODESIA CANNOT CONTINUE TO TAKE INFILTRATIONS FROM MOZAMBIQUE, RESULTING IN KILLING OF CIVILIANS, LYING DOWN. (B) THE WEST APPLIES UNEQUAL PRESSURE. IF IN LINE WITH THE RECENT VIENNA MEETING THE U.S. WERE ASKING
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THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS TO RESTRAIN VIOLENCE COMING FROM THEIR TERRITORY, THIS WOULD HELP THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ALL AROUND. I TOLD HAWKINS THAT, DEBATING POINTS TO ONE SIDE, THESE RAIDS HARDEN NATIONALIST RESOLVE TO FIGHT AND LESSENERED THE CHANCES FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WHICH IS THE ONLY HOPE WHITE RHODESIANS HAVE FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE.

2. I HAVE ALSO LOCATED BRAND FOURIE IN PRETORIA AND BY PHONE PASSED SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE TO SMITH. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR SAG SUPPORT IN SALISBURY, HE SAID HE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO CLEAR IT WITH FON MIN BOTHA AND "POSSIBLY THE PRIME MINISTER."BOWDLER

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